The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Dias, Walker, Jasparro, Pearson, Blackburn, Filippi, Preiss and Richard. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Deputy Director Carol Marsella. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #050855A: Mr. Court Purrington, for the property located at 155 Ohio Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Richard Fournier appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Jasparro made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to recognize the Providence Zoning Board's approval for the return to a legal three family use of the building, and to waive the previous deficiencies. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #050496: Mr. Chris Brooks, for the property located at 539-543 Lloyd Avenue in Providence. ADSFM Richard Fournier appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Filippi and Blackburn, to grant the Applicant a time variance of 120 days to bring the cited apartment doors into compliance. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070376A, 070377A, 070378A: The Mount Vernon Company, for the properties located at 1055-115 Charles Street, 400-456 North

Main Street and 73-101 Charles Street in Providence. ADSFM Christopher Dillon appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to approve the three requests for technical relief proposed by the Applicant's representative, Hughes Associates. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #050828: Mrs. Gloria McConville, for the property located at 244 Gleaner Chapel Road, North Scituate. ADSFM Karl Petsching appeared for the North Scituate Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to approve the Applicant's request to not provide this facility with a fire alarm system, pursuant to her testimony that the facility is only in use for three months, that there is no residence in the apartment and that she will install smoke detection at the direction and to the satisfaction of the North Scituate Fire Marshal's office. There being no objection from the AHJ, the motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #080153: New England Construction, for the property located at 20 Newman Avenue, East Providence. Commissioners Walker and Richard recused themselves from consideration of this case. Lt. Bellamy appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant's request for relief on items 1, 2 and 3, pursuant to her testimony that regarding item 1,

intumescent paint will be applied, and that regarding items 2 and 3, detection shall be provided in lieu of sprinkler heads. The Applicant withdrew her request for variance on item 4. The motion to grant the above relief was unanimous.

APPEAL #060058: Bayview Estates, for the property located at 2121 West Main Road, Portsmouth. Chief Jeffrey Lynch and ADSFM Phil Simmons appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's office. It was determined that an on-site inspection of this facility will be conducted on June 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. No determination was made in this case at this time.

APPEAL #060011: Family Service of RI, for the property located at 445 Farnum Pike, Smithfield. ADSFM Steven Lally appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Filippi and Pearson, to grant the Applicant a time variance until December 31, 2008 in which to install a compliant fire alarm and sprinkler system. If the Applicant finds that as he is nearing the end of December 2008 he needs additional time to complete the project, he may request that his file be reopened. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #060015: Trinity Church, for the property located at 139 Ocean Avenue, Cranston. ADSFM Kaitlyn Foley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time

variance of 120 days to install a compliant fire door in the cited corridor, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's office. The Applicant is granted a time variance of thirty days in which to install an illuminated exit sign in the emergency exit in the rear of the building. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #050839A and 060173: Mr. Alan Sepe, for the properties located at 156 Reservoir Avenue and 99 Kenyon Street in Providence. ADSFM Lisa Krapf, Christopher Dillon and Richard Vespia appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant a time variance until September of 2008 in which to bring these facilities into compliance. In the event the Applicant has not received the required bond money or needs more time to complete the project, he is authorized to ask that these files be reopened. The motion was unanimous.

Under old business, the Board continued to review the provisions for smoke detection/carbon monoxide detection in three-family dwellings, and took testimony from interested parties. This matter continues to be under review.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Marsella

## **Deputy Director**